SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

August 15th, 2021

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"…the LORD, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed."

(**Deuteronomy 31:8**)

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BELOVED, "Faith lays hold of the person who loved them and gave Himself for [them]. Faith rests in Him as it is persuaded of the greatness of His person. Salvation is not a system or a plan or an offer: It is the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. *"Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else"* (Isaiah 45:22). [AMEN!] — Darvin Pruitt

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WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays

Joseph Murphy, August 26th
Peyton Spring, August 30th

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

The Rock That Is Higher Than All My Sin

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I" (Psalm 61:2).

BELOVED, our Rock is not like the 'rock' that is preached in the many buildings up and down 59—for beloved, our foundation is sure, *"thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation…"* (Isaiah 28:16).

Beloved our Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, is that Rock that is higher than I; higher than all my iniquities, higher than all my transgressions. You see, when my heart is overwhelmed with a sense of my sin; when my heart is overwhelmed and burdened with my guilt, my cry is 'LORD lead me to Christ, who is all my pardon for all my sin. LORD lead me to Christ, who is all my performance for righteousness'

Believing sinner, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's darling Son, cleanses us from all sin—original and actual sins; the sin of omission, the sin of commission—past sins, present sins, and yes future sins! Indeed the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all our sin.

And so, when my heart is overwhelmed with my burden and my guilt of sin, my prayer is 'LORD show me Christ who is the *pardon* of all my sins;' but not only that, once again, 'LORD show me afresh Him who is all my *performance* of the Law, indeed all my righteousness before you [Colossians 1:22]. When my heart is overwhelmed with affliction—the affliction of Your good providence, lead me to Christ who is my only comfort and refuge in the time of storm.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1-2).

What a double portion of comfort! All *redemption* and all *righteousness* provided freely by His grace. And so, when my heart is overwhelmed with pride and unbelief, lead me to Christ my faithful high priest who ever liveth to intercede for me.

Beloved, remember what our brother John wrote? My little children, these things I write unto you that you sin not—but when you do, did he say 'It's over? You're finished?' No, he didn't say that! Rather, when you do sin beloved, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous—whoever lives to intercede for us. AMEN! [1 John 2:1, Hebrews 7:25]—Pastor

Christ Shall Not Fail

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged…" (Isaiah 42:4)

TO YOU who believe the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, this is one of the most precious promises in all scripture (2 Peter 1:4). The Lord Jesus Christ has been appointed by almighty God and sent in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4) to accomplish all our salvation (John 17:4). The success of His work is guaranteed by the decree of God (Acts 2:23; Isaiah 46:9-12).

It is sad but true, every sinner has miserably failed to honor God and produce a righteousness that would satisfy Him, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Romans 3:23). However, this gives us all the more reason to rejoice and trust our great Saviour, our Surety that cannot fail (Hebrews 7:25). Although He met with fierce opposition (John 19:15) and had great difficulties to overcome (Hebrews 4:15), He always went about doing the will and work of God with perfection and without fail (John 4:34).

This leads us to consider what work did He undertake as the Saviour and Surety of His covenant people, in which He did not fail. Think about these things!

1) **HE DID NOT FAIL**, to fulfill every type, picture, prophecy and promise recorded in the Old Testament scriptures. *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me"* (John 5:39; Luke 24:25-27,44-46). What God promised in the covenant of grace, our Lord Jesus Christ perfectly fulfilled [Romans 4:21].

2) **HE DID NOT FAIL**, to honor, magnify, and exalt the holy law of God for His covenant people, (Isaiah 42:21). *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil"* (Matthew 5:17). He established a perfect righteousness for His people and sovereignly and freely imputes it unto them (Romans 4:4-8; Isaiah 61:10).

3) **HE DID NOT FAIL**, to make complete and eternal atonement for the sin of His covenant people, "but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews 2:17; 9:26). The Good Shepherd gave His life as the sacrifice for the sin of His sheep (John 10:15; 1 Peter 3:18).

4) **HE SHALL NOT FAIL**, to justify, redeem, sanctify, call and glorify all His covenant people. *"Whom* [God] *did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified"* (Romans 8:30).

Our very hope of salvation and joy of eternal life is based upon the unfailing, perfect, eternal and complete work of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who cannot fail (John 17:1-5)! [AMEN!]— Tom Harding